

# Explore Reading Assigned Heritage Language Books in the English Classroom

## Why Students Should Be Allowed to Read Assigned Books in Their Heritage Language

Allowing English learners to read assigned literature in their heritage language promotes **comprehension, equity, and engagement**. When students read complex texts in a language they fully understand, they can focus on meaning and analysis rather than decoding, enabling them to participate meaningfully in English discussions and writing. Research shows that **literacy skills transfer across languages**, so strengthening reading in the first language directly supports English literacy development (Cummins, 2000; Goldenberg, 2011). This practice also aligns with **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)** principles by removing linguistic barriers and fostering inclusive access to core content. Encouraging heritage language reading recognizes students' bilingual identities, builds confidence, and motivates them to engage deeply with literature—benefiting their academic English and overall literacy growth.

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**O Mundo Se Despedaça**

**Things Fall Apart**

**ACHEBE, CHINUA**

**\$19.74**

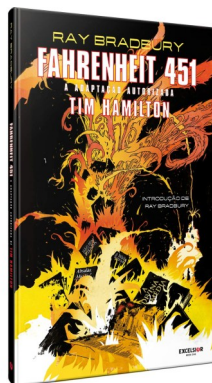


**CONTO DA AIA, O**

**The Handmaids Tale**

**ATWOOD, MARGARET**

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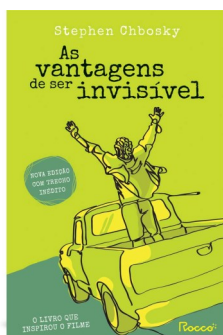


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**Fahrenheit 451 - Hq - a Adaptacao Autorizada**

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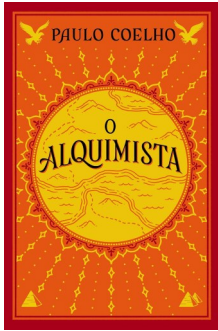


**As Vantagens De Ser Invisível**

**The Perks of Bring a Wall Flower**

**CHBOSKY, STEPHEN**

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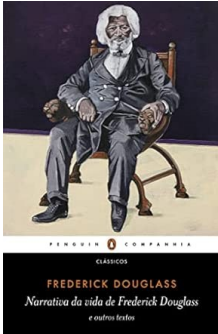


**Alquimista, O**

**The Alchemist**

**COELHO, PAULO**

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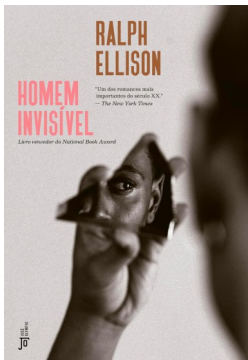


**Narrativa da vida de Frederick Douglass**

**Frederick Douglas**

**DOUGLASS, FREDERICK**

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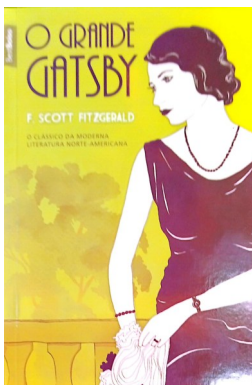


**Homem Invisível - 02Ed/20**

**The Invisible Man**

**ELLISON, RALPH**

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**Grande Gatsby, o - Best Bolso**

**The Great Gatsby**

**FITZGERALD, F. SCOTT**

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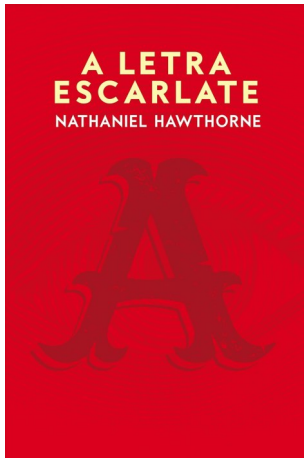


**Senhor Das Moscas - Edição Em Quadrinhos**

**Lord of the Flies**

**GOLDING, WILLIAM**

**\$27.15**



**Letra Escarlata, A - Edição Especial**

**The Scarlet Letter**

**HAWTHORNE, NATHANIEL**

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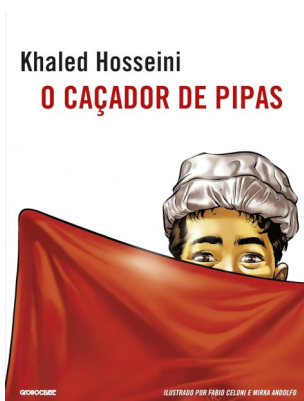


**Cacador De Pipas, o - (Globo)**

**The Kite Runner**

**HOSSEINI, KHALED**

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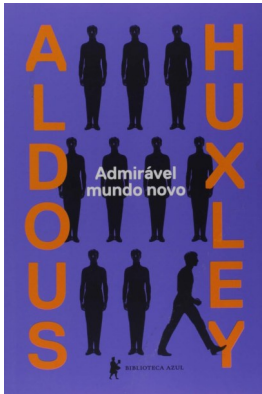


**O Caçador de Pipas - Graphic Novel**

**The Kite Runner - Graphic Novel**

**HOSSEINI, KHALED**

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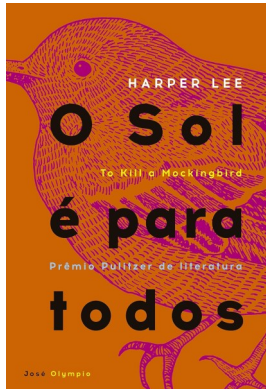


**Admirável Mundo Novo**

**Brave New World**

**HUXLEY, ALDOUS**

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**o Sol é Para Todos**

**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**LEE, HARPER**

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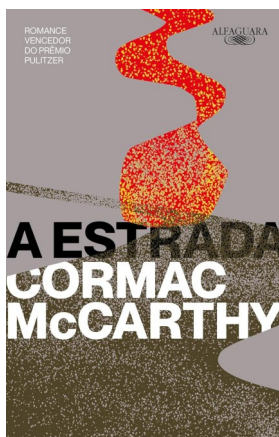


**Sol e Para Todos, O - (Graphic Novel)**

**To Kill a Mockingbird - Graphic Novel**

**LEE, HARPER; FORDHAM, FRED**

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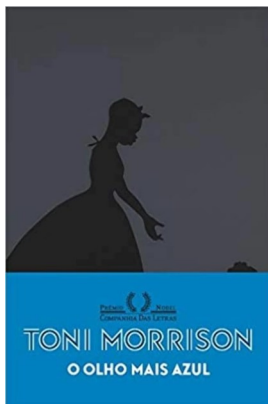


**A Estrada**

**The Road**

**MCCARTHY, CORMAC**

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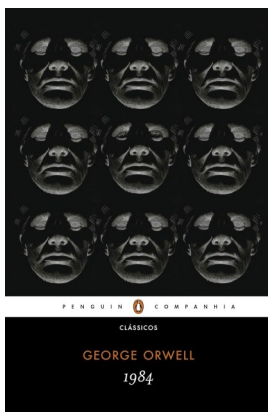


o Olho Mais Azul (Nova Edição)

The Bluest Eye

MORRISON, TONI

\$22.21



1984

1984

ORWELL, GEORGE

\$11.09

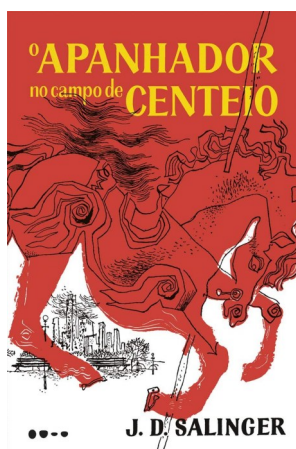


A Revolução Dos Bichos

Animal Farm

ORWELL, GEORGE

\$9.86



O Apanhador no Campo de Centeio

The Catcher in the Rye

SALINGER, J. D.

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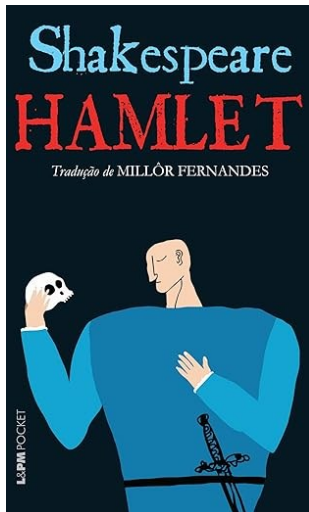


Persepolis - (Completo)

Persepolis

SATRAPI, MARJANE

\$25.91

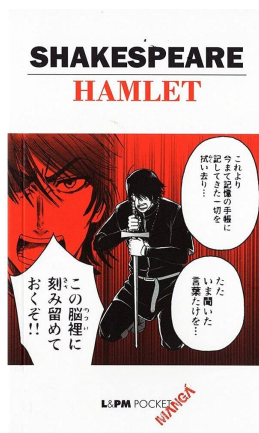


Hamlet

Hamlet

SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM

\$7.39

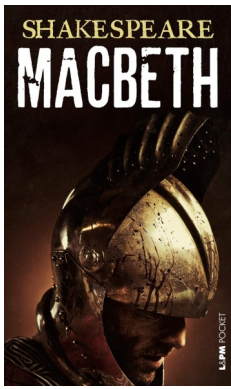


Hamlet - Bolso Manga

Hamlet- Graphic Novel

SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM

\$9.11

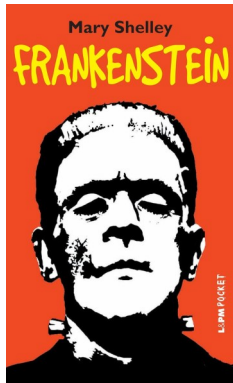


**Macbeth**

**MacBeth**

**SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM**

**\$8**

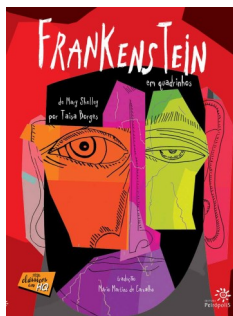


**Frankenstein**

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**SHELLEY, MARY**

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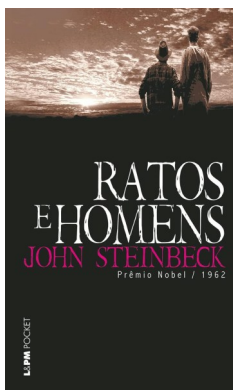


**Frankenstein em quadrinhos**

**Frankenstein - Graphic Novel**

**SHELLEY, MARY**

**\$20.25**



**Ratos e Homens**

**Of Mice and Men**

**STEINBECK, JOHN**

**\$8**

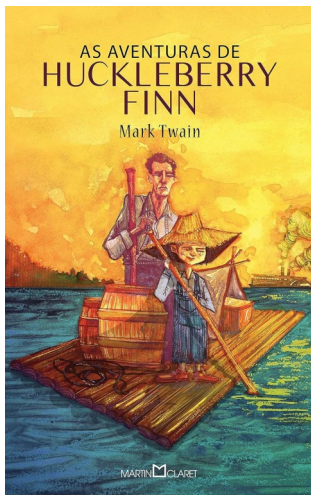


**Ódio Que Você Semeia, O**

**The Hate You Give**

**THOMAS, ANGIE**

**\$14.8**



**Aventuras De Huckleberry**

**The Adventures of Huckle-  
berry Finn**

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